Bay Delta Chronology

Ancient History - The Bay Delta Accord

	1978	State Board adopts WQCP (D-1485); EPA conditionally approves
	1982	Peripheral Canal Initiative rejected by voters
	1986	D-1485 is challenged; Racanelli decision upholds State Board regulation of water
		appropriators
	1989	EPA refers Central Valley Project contracts to CEQ under NEPA
	1990	NMFS lists winter-run chinook salmon as threatened under ESA
	1991	State Board adopts limited 1991 WQCP
Sep	1991	EPA disapproves limited 1991 WQCP as not meeting requirements of CWA
Oct	1992	Federal Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) adds fisheries
		Restoration to CVP
Mar	1993	USFWS lists delta smelt as threatened under ESA
Apr	1993	State Board withdraws draft plan
Jun	1993	Club FED (EPA, USFWS, NMFS, USBR) formally organized
Jun	1994	Framework Agreement between State and Club FED: Cooperate on WQS, water
		operations, and ESA
Dec	1994	Bay Delta Accord. State/Federal/Stakeholder agreement/truce on
		WQS/ESA/CVPIA

CALFED Bay Delta Program

	1995	CALFED Bay Delta Program long term planning effort begins. Citizen Advisory
		Committee formed
	1996	State Prop 204 passes. \$490 million for ecosystem
Aug	2000	CALFED Bay Delta Program ROD proposes \$8 billion program in first 7 years
Nov	2000	Prop 13 passes. Targets water quality and watersheds.
Jan	2001	Change of Federal Administration
Nov	2002	Prop 50 passes. Targets water quality projects. Combined, Props 204, 13 and 50
		made up to \$3 billion available for "CALFED projects". Cumulative Fed support
		around \$280 million.
Jan	2003	California Bay Delta Authority formed as state entity

Buyer's Remorse

Oct	2003	Change of State Administration
	2004	Pelagic Organism Decline (POD) publicized; POD Science effort begins
Jun	2004	Jones Tract levees collapse
Aug	2005	Hurricane Katrina highlighted risk of infrastructure below sea level
Nov	2005	KPMG/Dept of Finance "audits;" Program not meeting ill-defined goals
Nov	2005	Little Hoover Commission - Governance a failure
Feb	2007	PPIC Report - CALFED Failed

Current Events

Dec	2006 2006	Three year drought begins in California - Ongoing Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Begins with Planning Agreement/BDCP will be an HCP/NCCP covering export operations under state and federal ESAs
Jan	2007	State's "Delta Vision" Long Term Planning Effort Begins
Aug	2007	Judge issues Interim Protections in lawsuit against FWS BO on Export Operations
Apr	2008.	Judge Invalidates NMFS BO on Export Operations
Dec	2008	Delta Vision Strategic Plan released; Endorses a Peripheral Canal
Dec	2008	New FWS BO on Project Operations - Significant Restrictions on Exports
June	2009	New NMFS BO on Project Operations - Additional Restrictions on Exports